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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

1. IN MEETING WITH ADELAIDE AMEGATCHER, SMITHSONIAN REPRESENTATIVES LEARNED SHE AND ARTS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CHARLES PHILIPS HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON GHANA PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL AND TOUR. AMEGATCHER SAYS ARTS COUNCIL HAS FINAL ACTION IN PREPARING GROUPS TO TRAVEL. IS THIS TRUE? IF SO, APPRECIATE YOUR MEETING WITH KAYPER-MENSAH AND PHILIPS TO CLARIFY SITUATION.

2. MOST URGENT SALISU MAHAMA, KWAA-MENSAH AND WULOMEI BE INFORMED SOONEST OF GOG APPROVAL THEIR PARTICIPATION IN FESTIVAL BEFORE THEY MAKE OTHER PLANS. SMITHSONIAN CANNOT ISSUE DIRECT INVITATION UNTIL OFFICIAL GOG COMMITMENT RECEIVED.

3. PLEASE REAFFIRM WITH K-M SMITHSONIAN'S NEED OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANS SHRINE HOUSE AND NAMES CARVER AND MASTER BUILDER. BUILDING MUST PASS D.C. BUILDING CODE AND PLANS NECESSARY FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

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4. REQUEST YOUR CABLED WRAP-UP OF SITUATION WITH ADVICE STEPS SMITHSONIAN COULD TAKE TO EXPEDITE DECISION AND AVOID REPETITION 1974 EMBARRASSMENT. KISSINGER

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